

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 3, paragraph [0014] is amended to read:

[0014] In dependence on the result of the checking, the bank notes BN during the ~~deposit or money receiving~~ a first portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction then are supplied to one of three possible storage pockets 6 to 8. The first storage pocket 6 is a pocket freely accessible from outside, into which the rejected bank notes not accepted by the checking device 5 are dispensed. These can be, for example, bank notes, which are not recognized by the checking device 5, for example because they are of a currency, the acceptance of which is not provided. Into the second storage pocket 7, which also is freely accessible from outside for the operator, all those bank notes BN are dispensed, which were recognized to be authentic by the checking device 5, and the state of which or fitness for circulation is so good, that the bank notes BN are suitable for further circulating in the money circulation. This can mean, for example, that all those bank notes are dispensed into the storage pocket 7, which the checking device 5 recognizes to be only little soiled and/or little worn and/or little damaged. All other bank notes BN, which the checking device 5 accepts to be authentic, including banknotes determined to be unfit for circulation, are transported into the third storage pocket 8, which serves as intermediate storage device. The storage pocket 8 during an ongoing money deposit transaction is closed, e.g. by a not shown, automatically lockable flap, in such a way that the operator does not have access to the bank notes BN located in the storage pocket 8.

On page 3, paragraph [0015] is amended to read:

[0015] After the processing of the bank notes BN, which the operator has inserted into the input pocket 3 during the first portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction, the operator has at his disposal all those bank notes of the deposit transaction, the state of which is so good, that they are suitable for further circulating in the circulation of money.

On page 4, paragraph [0017] is amended to read:

[0017] When the operator via the display and input unit 9 confirms that the deposited

bank notes are to be finally withheld in the apparatus 1, during a second portion of the ongoing money deposit transaction the bank notes located in the storage pocket 8, that serves as an intermediate storage device, will be transported into a bank note cassette 10 integrated in the housing 2, which likewise is not accessible from outside for the user. The bank note cassette 10 usually is mounted in the housing to be replaceable. For completing the ongoing transaction the deposit data are passed on to a central bank office for the purpose of crediting the deposited amount to an account determined by the operator.

On page 4, paragraph [0019] is amended to read:

[0019] When the operator, however, wishes to interrupt an ongoing money deposit transaction and does not wish the bank notes BN located in the storage pocket 8 being finally stored in the bank note cassette 10, during the second portion of the money deposit transaction he can cancel the individual operation by means of the display and input unit 9. In this case after the completion of the first portion of the transaction the flap of the storage pocket 8 is automatically actuated, unlocked and opened, so that the operator has free access to the bank notes BN stored therein. Alternatively, it is also possible, that the storage pocket 8 in no case is accessible for the operator, and therefore the bank notes in case of a cancellation of the transaction are transferred into one of the two freely accessible storage pockets 6, 7 or the input pocket 3 via respective transport means.